

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Richter et al.
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For : **ASSAYS EMPLOYING ELECTROCHEMILUMINESCENT
LABELS AND ELECTROCHEMILUMINESCENCE
QUENCHERS**
Group Art Unit : 1634
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2003 ("Office Action") in connection with the above-referenced application, U.S.S.N. 09/074,472 (hereinafter referred to as "the application").

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b), Applicants amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Applicants are concomitantly filing a Petition For Three Months Extension of Time extending the time for responding to the Office Action by three (3) months, i.e., from September 20, 2003 up to and including December 20, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.